



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Pierre BARBERIS et al.
Serial No.: 10/575,020 Confirmation No.: 7053
Filed: April 7, 2006
For: **METHOD OF PRODUCING A FLAT ZIRCONIUM
ALLOY PRODUCT, FLAT PRODUCT THUS
OBTAINED AND A NUCLEAR PLANT REACTOR
GRID WHICH IS MADE FROM SAID FLAT
PRODUCT**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.